

**Transit for Connecticut**  
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Transportation Committee Public Hearing  
March 5, 2014

In support of:  
Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution Limiting the Use of Moneys  
Contained in the Special Transportation Fund

Dear Sen. Maynard, Rep. Guerrero and Members of the Transportation Committee,

On behalf of Transit for Connecticut, a statewide coalition of 33 business, social service, environmental, planning, transportation and civic organizations dedicated to increasing awareness of the benefits of bus transit and advocating for increased investment in transit service, I urge you to support the Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution Limiting the Use of Moneys Contained in the Special Transportation Fund.

Billions of dollars are needed to ensure that Connecticut's transportation infrastructure is properly maintained and operating efficiently. Improvement and expansion of our highways and transit network is essential to Connecticut's economic future. With federal funding stagnating, if not declining, Connecticut will have to carry a heavier share of the investment burden. It is important the state's Special Transportation fund receive and retain all funding generated by use of transit service, purchase of gasoline, and other fees and revenue sources. Establishing a "lock box" for Special Transportation Fund revenue and a guarantee that STF revenues be used only for state transportation projects will enhance the development of a strong foundation for future allocation of transportation funds. Please support the proposed resolution.

Thank you for your consideration

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